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| UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b)) | Attorney Docket No. | P03,0380 |
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RE: Proposed Patent Application for Patrick Mergell Entitled "DEVICE
AND METHOD TO ADAPT A HEARING DEVICE" Claiming Priority
From German 102 45 567.8 of September 30, 2002, Our Case P03,0380.

S I R:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c), I am filing on behalf of the inventor, Patrick Mergell, the attached patent application with one set of drawings containing 2 sheets with 3 Figures, an unsigned Declaration, a Certified Copy of German 102 45 567.8 of September 30, 2002 (from which priority is claimed) and appropriate government filing fee.

On behalf of the inventors, I hereby claim priority from German Application No. 102 45 567.8 filed September 30, 2002.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b) and 37 CFR 1.53(f).

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